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### ***West Newton's 726<sup>th</sup> Finance Battalion to Deploy as Task Force Diamond***

WEST NEWTON, Mass. – November 5 at 10 a.m. the Massachusetts National Guard's 726<sup>th</sup> Finance Battalion will retire its colors and become Task Force Diamond, a 13-member unit mobilizing for a year-long deployment to Afghanistan.

The unit will deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and will be responsible for finance command and control in theater, supervising the pay of commercial contractors and soldiers, and purchasing goods on the local economy.

"They don't often get a lot of attention, but finance units pay service members and provide funds for needed goods and services in theater," said Brig. Gen. Oliver J. Mason Jr., The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard. "It's a critical mission and these soldiers will do an outstanding job."

Please join families and friends of these citizen-soldiers and the Massachusetts National Guard in honoring the proud heritage of the 726<sup>th</sup> and saying farewell to these proud soldiers.

**MEDIA MUST REGISTER FOR THE EVENT BY CALLING THE ABOVE NUMBER**

**WHAT:** Inactivation of the 726<sup>th</sup> Finance Battalion and Farewell to Task Force Diamond

**WHERE:** National Guard Armory, 1137 Washington Street, West Newton, MA

**WHEN:** Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006, 10 a.m.

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